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FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING COMMODITY  
INFORMATION IN A SUPPLY CHAIN OF PRODUCTION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculating the fees pursuant to the entry into the National Phase of the above-noted application, please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) For an information retrieval system coupled to at least one commodity analysis system configured to analyze at least one commodity to generate commodity data comprising at least one commodity characteristic, a method of managing the commodity data for a chain of production in which one or more commodities are used in one or more production steps, the method comprising:

updating the at least one commodity analysis system to maintain the currency of  
the commodity analysis system;